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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Independent claim 11 has been amended to recite structural terms (rather than "means plus function" language), as well as to further clarify the distinguishing features of the present invention whereby the storage unit stores a plurality of items of regional image information including a plurality of images of respective different regional areas, and whereby the reading unit reads from the storage unit one of the plurality of items of regional image information that corresponds to a detected position and attaches the read item of regional image information to an electronic mail, as clearly supported by the disclosure in the specification. With this structure, an electronic mail with appropriate regional image information attached thereto corresponding to a detected position can be easily transmitted.

Dependent claims 13-15, 21 and 22, moreover, have been amended to better accord with amended independent claim 11.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 11, 13-15, 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by USP 6,370,568 ("Garfinkle"). This rejection, however, is respectfully traversed.

At the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Garfinkle discloses detecting means for detecting the current position of a communication device at column 1, lines 33-40. It is respectfully pointed out, however, that column 1, lines 33-40 of Garfinkle merely discloses that it is an object of the invention thereof to provide an apparatus for taking a digital picture in front of a well known landmark, downloading the picture to a computer, placing the picture in postcard format, customizing with personalized text, and then emailing to another individual. Column 1, lines 33-40 of Garfinkle contains absolutely no disclosure of a detecting means or unit which detects a current position of a communication terminal. Indeed, much earlier in the prosecution of the present application the Examiner acknowledged that Garfinkle fails to disclose detecting means for detecting the current position of the communication device. See page 2 of the Office Action dated February 11, 2004.

Accordingly, since Garfinkle fails to disclose the detecting a current position of a communication terminal, it is also

respectfully submitted that Garfinkle clearly fails to disclose, teach or suggest attaching position information to an electronic mail indicating the detected current position, reading one of a plurality of items of regional image information that corresponds to the position information attached to the electronic mail, and then attaching the read item of regional image information to the electronic mail, as according to the claimed present invention.

As recited in amended independent claim 11, a radio communication system is provided which comprises a communication terminal, and a service center connected to the communication terminal via a radio channel. As recited in amended independent claim 11, the communication terminal comprises a mail creation unit which creates an electronic mail to be sent to an addressee, a detecting unit which detects a current position of the communication terminal, and a transmission unit which attaches position information indicating the current position detected by the detecting means to the electronic mail and transmits the electronic mail with the position information attached thereto to the service center. And as recited in amended independent claim 11, the service center comprises a storage unit which stores a plurality of items of regional image information including a plurality of images of respective different regional areas, a reading unit which reads from the storage unit one of the plurality of items of regional image information that

corresponds to the position information attached to the electronic mail and which attaches the read item of regional image information to the electronic mail, and a transmitter which transmits the electronic mail with the regional image information attached thereto to the addressee.

On page 2 of the Office Action the Examiner states that the ISP of Garfinkle is considered to be a service center, and on page 3 of the Office Action the Examiner states that the ISP of Garfinkle is considered inherently to include memory to receive email from a sender which contains images of a location and that the ISP of Garfinkle forwards the email to the recipient.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that Garfinkle merely discloses attaching a geographic indication from a standard postcard template to a digital image to form a digital postcard, and that Garfinkle clearly does not at all disclose, teach or even remotely suggest the above described features of the present invention as recited in amended claim 11.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 11 and claims 13-15, 21 and 22 depending therefrom clearly patentably distinguishes over Garfinkle, taken singly or in combination with any of the other prior art references of record, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

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